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TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, CY, TU, GR

SUBJECT: CYPRUS: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AIRPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED BY EMB FROM MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 0550 ANKARA TIME JULY 25. MESSAGE IS
ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES.

2. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A CALL HAS
BEEN MADE FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE
SITUATION AT THE NICOSIA AIRPORT AND AN IMAGINARY TURKISH ATTACK
DIRECTED TO IT.

3. QUOTE AT 4:30 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING IN CYPRUS THIS IMAGINARY
ATTACK WHICH WAS FIRST THOUGHT TO BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE BRITISH
FORCES IN THE ISLAND AND LATER CLAIMED TO BE AIMED AT THE UN
FORCES, HAS NOT IN EFFECT TAKEN PLACE DURING THE TIME WHICH
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HAS ELAPSED SINCE THEN. AND WHATEVER THE EXCITEMENTS ARE

ON THE ISLAND, IN VIEW OF THE FIRM PROMISES OF THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT SUCH AN ATTACK WILL OCCUR. DESPITE THIS, TO CALL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, AND ASK THE LATTER TO ISSUE A RESOLUTION ON THIS MATTER, COULD BE DEEMED AN UNJUSTIFIED POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE EVE OF THE CONFERENCE.

BELIEVING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS CONFERENCE CONVENE IN A CALM ATMOSPHERE AND UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE NOT TO LET THIS CONFERENCE BE DRAWN INTO AN AIR OF DISPAIR AND, WHILE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ASSURANCE OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFRINGED, TO PREVENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE ANY DECISION ON THIS MATTER. TURAN GUNES, FOREIGN MINISTER, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY END QUOTE.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DUTY OFFICER WHO CONVEYED FOREGOING MESSAGE, WE ASKED WHAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS OF CURRENT SITUATION AT AIRPORT. AFTER CHECKING, HE CALLED BACK AND GAVE US FOLLOWING, WHICH HE SEEMED TO BE READING: QUOTE WE ARE INDEED CONFUSED AS TO WHY SUCH REPORTS SHOULD EMERGE. ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION FROM CYPRUS, THERE IS NO CLASH ON OR AROUND THE AIRPORT. END QUOTE. HE SAID TIME OF HIS LATEST INFORMATION FROM CYPRUS WAS 0500 ANKARA TIME. WHEN WE ASKED HIM WHAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS OF TROOP DISPOSITIONS AT AIRPORT HE SAID UN FORCES WERE WITHIN AIRPORT.

3. DUTY OFFICER SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE AWARE, FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES STILL INTENDS DEPART FOR GENEVA ABOUT 8:30 A.M. MACOMBER

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